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C. BONN 11946 DTG 151457Z JUL 76

1. IN A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION REGARDING FRG PLANS TO EXCHANGE MILITARY ATTACHES WITH SEVERAL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (REFS A AND B), A FOREIGN OFFICE CBM OFFICIAL (GESCHER) PROVIDED US WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BASED ON A BRIEFING PAPER WHICH HE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. THE ONLY ADDITIONAL POINT THAT THE DEFENSE MINISTRY ADDED TO THE INFORMATION REPORTED PREV-IOUSLY ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FRG-SOVIET EXCHANGE (REF C) WAS THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REQUESTED AGRAEENT FOR A GROUP OF FIVE OFFICERS. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY DID NOT OFFER ANY OPINION AS TO WHEN THIS EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE.

2. REGARDING OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, THE GERMAN MILITARY ATTACHE IS ALREADY ON DUTY IN BUCHAREST. HOWEVER, HIS ROMANIAN COUNTERPART HAS NOT ARRIVED IN BONN. THE GERMANS BELIEVE THAT THE ROMANIAN ATTACHE MAY BE DELAYING HIS ARRIVAL UNTIL AFTER THE SOVIET ATTACHE IS IN PLACE.

3. REGARDING HUNGARY, THE GERMANS REPORT THAT NO EXCHANGE IS EXPECTED THIS YEAR. THE DEFENSE MINISTRY DID NOT OFFER COMMENTS ON THE REMAINING EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT PRESUMABLY SUCH EXCHANGES WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL NEXT YEAR AT THE EARLIEST.
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